

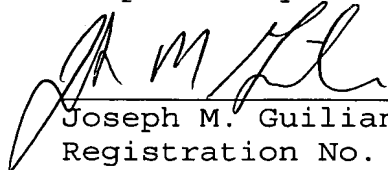
REMARKS

The Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,701,527.

Applicants have canceled claim 1 and added new claims 2-10. Because claim 1 has been canceled, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is now moot. New claims 2-10 are directed to subject matter that is fully supported and justified by the specification. In particular, support for new claims 2-10 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 4, lines 12-28; page 5, line 23 through page 7, line 33; page 8, line 22 through page 13, line 9; and FIGS. 1, 2, and 4.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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